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SUBJECT: GABONESE POSITION ON CANARY ISLANDS AND REUNION

1. AT THE JULY 5 MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, THE GABONESE REAFFIRMED THEIR POSITION THAT THE CANARY ISLANDS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF SPAIN, AND REUNION AN INTEGRAL PART OF FRANCE.

2. COMMENT: MARCEL ODONGUI-BONNARD, ACTING EUROPEAN DIVISION CHIEF AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TOLD DCM JULY 6 THAT CANARIES REUNION DECREE (TEXT OF WHICH WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN) FOLLOWED THE VISIT LAST WEEK TO CANARIES BY GABONESE AND SEVEAL OTHER AFRICAN AMBASSADORS RESIDENT MADRID. ACCORING TO BONNARD, GABON'S AMBASSADOR HAD REPORTED TO LIBREVILLE THAT ISLANDS WERE UNMISTAKABLY SPANISH AND THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO JUSTIFICATION FOR OAU RECOGNITION OF AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT BECAUSE THERE WERE NO AFRICAN THERE. BONNARD ADMITTED THAT REUNION CASE WAS NOT AS CLEAR CUT BUT INDICATED THAT GABONESE WOULD LOYALLY SUPPORT FRENCH POSITION. TIENKEN
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